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Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge opens to youth from all services

IMA-Europe MWR Marketing

HEIDELBERG, GE - To demonstrate support for families of deployed service members from all branches of military service, the Installation Management Agency-Europe will offer spaces in this summer's Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge sessions to middle and high school youth from all services, IMA-E officials announced today.

Youth whose deployed active duty parent is serving in the Navy or Marines are eligible to apply along with their peers who have a parent in the Army or Air Force, to attend Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge on a space-available basis. Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis for the four one-week camp sessions. The eligibility criteria, is that the active duty parent must be currently deployed, returned from deployment or deploying in the near future.

IMA-Europe Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge; the acronym A.R.M.Y. stands for Adventure, Resilience, Memories, Youth. The camps will offer youth the chance to get away for a week of traditional camp fun as well as the chance to meet other kids facing the same challenges of having a military parent deployed. All camp sessions will include activities to help campers develop strategies to cope with the stresses associated with deployment.

Middle school and high school students whose active-duty Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine parent is deployed between June 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007, are eligible to apply.

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Camp sessions for grades 6-8 will be held July 9-15 and July 23-29 at Camp Darby, Italy. Camp sessions for grades 9-12 will be at Grafenwoehr, Germany, June 18-24 and August 13-19; the high school camp sessions will not conflict with either the Summer Hire Program or high school sports team's practices.

The only cost is a \$50 camp registration fee which will be charged only when a camper is selected to attend. Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge will not fund any air or individualized transportation. Transportation to all camps will be provided from the centralized bus pick-up points in Germany and Italy. Complete Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge information and the application form are available online at www.mwr-europe.com. The deadline to apply is May 5.

Further information on Army MWR in Europe is available at www.mwr-europe.com.
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